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Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP
Chairman of the House Committee

Dear Mrs CHOW,

Thank you for inviting, on behalf of the House Committee (HC), Mr Donald TSANG, the Chief Secretary for Administration (Designate) and Mr Antony LEUNG, the Financial Secretary (Designate) to attend a HC meeting and requesting them to provide information about their academic background and working experience to the Legislative Council (LegCo) and the public.

I also thank the two Secretaries designate for providing their curricula vitae to LegCo and the public. However, the information contained therein is not detailed enough to help members of the public to gain a better understanding of their background. It is a pity that the two Secretaries designate have declined to attend a HC meeting on the ground that they have yet to "formally take office". They have, however, indicated in their respective reply that they will ensure effective communication with Members once they formally assume office.

In this connection, I write to suggest that the HC should discuss at the coming meeting on Friday that the two Secretaries designate be invited again to attend a HC meeting, as soon as they have formally assumed office, to brief Members on their aspirations and plans for their new positions and also to answer Members' questions.

I look forward to your reply. With best regards,

Emily LAU
Legislative Councillor